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SOLANA BEACH PASTOR WINS USD ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Monsignor William Spain, Pastor of St. James Catholic Church in Solana Beach, has been awarded an Alumni Achievement Award from the University of San Diego. Spain was honored at the seventh annual USD Alumni Dinner Meeting on May 5 for his long and active service to the University.

Msr. Spain was ordained in 1956. From 1956 through 1964 he served as Founding Vice-President of USD and is currently a member of the University's Board of Trustees. Spain has served on the Board of Directors of United Way in the North County and was Founding President of the San Marcos Association of Churches.

Also receiving achievement awards were: Mrs. Ave De Vanon Bortz, a secondary school teacher from Pasadena, class of '65; Leonard Jones, criminal investigator with the San Diego County D.A.'s Office, class of '72; Peter and Mary Ellen Easterling-Pitard, a teacher of handicapped high school students in the Grossmont District and a homemaker, class of '67 and '69 respectively; and Gary Schons, Deputy Attorney General, California Department of Justice, class of '73 and Law School class of '76.

Jose Flores received the Bishop Charles Francis Buddy Award as the outstanding alumni for 1979. Flores is a teacher at the Escuela Tecnologica Industrial #24 and the Universidad Autonoma de B.C. in Tijuana. The Government of Mexico recently awarded him a gold medal for active participation in the field of education. He holds a B.A. and three Master's degrees from USD.

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